

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR :	
REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF :	
JACQULYN A. ROPER, R.N. :	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
License No. 26NR12238000 :	
TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE :	FINAL ORDER OF
OF NEW JERSEY :	DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jacquelyn A. Roper ("Respondent") is a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. Upon receipt of a flagging notice indicating that Respondent was arrested on February 21, 2012 by the Paterson Police Department for possession of a controlled dangerous substance or analog, N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10(a)(1), the Board sent a letter of inquiry, requesting certain information and submission of documents, to Respondent's address of record, 308 7th Street,

Palisades Park, New Jersey, via regular and certified mail on or about February 23, 2012. The Board also sent a copy of the letter to a second address, 308 17th Street, Palisades Park, New Jersey on or about February 23, 2012. The regular mailings were not returned; both certified mailings were returned as "unclaimed - unable to forward."

3. To date, Respondent has not responded to the Board's request for information.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's failure to respond to the Board's request for information constitutes a failure to cooperate with a Board investigation, in contravention of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), subjecting Respondent to disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

Respondent's failure to provide the Board with a valid address constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.7.

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline ("POD") was entered by this Board on August 16, 2012, which provisionally suspended Respondent's license to practice nursing and provisionally imposed a civil penalty in the amount of \$200.00. Copies of the POD were sent to Respondent's address of record, 308 7th Street, Palisades Park, New Jersey, via certified and regular mail. The Provisional Order of Discipline

clearly stated that it was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day following entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Respondent failed to submit a response to the POD. Because the POD was sent to Respondent's address of record in Palisades Park, New Jersey, via certified and regular mail, and the regular mailing was not returned, although the certified mail receipt was signed "Jacquelyn Roper" and returned, the Board deems service to have been effected, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:45-3.2. Accordingly, it is determined that further proceedings are not necessary and that the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 4th day of January, 2013,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice nursing be and hereby is suspended until such time as Respondent cooperates fully with the Board's investigation by providing the Board with the information requested in the Board's letter of inquiry.

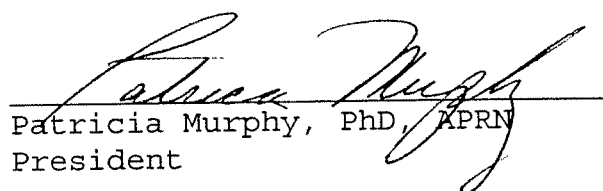
2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$200.00 is hereby imposed upon Respondent. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the State of New Jersey, delivered to George Hebert, Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Payment shall be made no later than 15 days after the entry of any Final Order of Discipline in this matter. In the event Respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed in accordance with N.J.S.A 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

3. Respondent shall refrain from practicing as a nurse and shall not represent herself as a Registered Professional Nurse until such time as her license is reinstated. Any practice in this State prior to reinstatement shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice.

4. Nothing herein precludes the Board from taking action on the underlying conduct that was originally the subject of inquiry in this matter.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:


Patricia Murphy, PhD, APRN
President